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EDITORIAL

It's here! Swavesey festival is only days away. Have you decided what you are going to go and watch, take part in? All we need now is some good weather for a week so fingers crossed. A lot of work goes into organising this event so come along and support it, even if it is only watching the parade on the 25th June and the gala on the green- lots to keep you entertained. On a more sombre note this year sees the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and we are grateful to Chris Richardson for her article showing the involvement of men from Swavesey.

A plea from your editor- PLEASE can you update your club/society information regularly? I was recently made aware of some out of date details for one group which have now been updated. Maybe you are wondering why you do not get new members? Maybe your details need changing? Please let us know. Thanks.

DEADLINE for the August /September issue is **20TH JUNE** please
Editor

Cover Image - Daisy by Peter Martin

Inside Front Cover - Camera Club Open Competition Winners

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

2016

Saturday, June 4, RADSOC on the Road presents:"Gosforth's Fete" by Alan Ayckbourn and "The Book Club of Little Witterington" by Joan Greening 8.00pm at Swavesey Memorial Hall. Book online at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or telephone 07504 55287, Sarah Pearson, committee@swaveseyradsoc.org

Friday, June 17, German Oompah Band/German Beer Night 7.30 p.m at Swavesey Windmill. Tickets £15 from (01954) 232247.

Sunday, June 19, Swavesey Spartans Day 2015-2016. 11am – 17.30pm on Swavesey Village Green, Neil Jordison, (01954) 204390

Monday, June 20, Rock & Roll Bingo 8.00pm at the White Horse, Katie or Baz, (01954) 231665

Wednesday, June 22, Hot Traditional Jazz Night 7.30pm at Swavesey Windmill. Join us for an evening of Jazz. Licensed bar. Tickets £15 inc basket meal from 01954 232247

Thursday, June 23, Comedy Night 7.30pm at Swavesey Windmill
Tickets £7.50 from 01954 232247 - Bring your own nibbles, Simon Shore, (01954) 230848

Friday, June 24, Barn Dance 7.45pm - Midnight on Swavesey Village Green.
£16 per person inc. fabulous food, Nicole, (01954) 201061

Sunday, June 26, Jonathan Sage Quartet Concert 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church
an evening concert of classical music. Tickets £10 (under 16s free) from Jacqui Fuller, (01954) 230774

Stop Press News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June		
Thursday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Thursday)
Saturday 4	RADSOC	RADSOC on the Road presents:"Gosforth's Fete" by Alan Ayckbourn and "The Book Club of Little Witterington" by Joan Greening 8.00pm at Swavesey Memorial Hall. Book online at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or telephone 07504 55287
Wednesday 8	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Summer Coffee Morning. Bring & Buy Sale of Plants, Produce & Cakes. 10.30am – 12.30pm Bethel Baptist Church
Friday 17	Swavesey Festival Committee	German Oompah Band/German Beer Night 7.30 p.m at Swavesey Windmill. Tickets £15 from 01954 232247
Sunday 19	Swavesey Spartans Football Club	Swavesey Spartans Day 2015-2016. 11am – 17.30pm on Swavesey Village Green
Monday 20	Swavesey Festival Committee	Rock & Roll Bingo 8.00pm at the White Horse
Tuesday 21	Swavesey Festival Committee	Family Concert 7.00pm to 8.00pm in New Hall at Swavesey Village College. A concert mainly for primary-aged children and their parents featuring musicians from Swavesey (Saturday) Music School. Tickets £2.00 from SVC, 01954 230366, ext.300.
Tuesday 21	Your Library	Festival fun for children 3.45pm to 5.00pm at the library. Storytelling, join the tiger who came for tea, dress as tigers and bring your soft toys with you! Tickets limited to 40, 50p each from the Library.
Wednesday 22	Swavesey Festival Committee	Hot Traditional Jazz Night 7.30pm at Swavesey Windmill. Join us for an evening of Jazz. Licensed bar. Tickets £15 inc basket meal from 01954 232247
Thursday 23	Swavesey Festival Committee	Comedy Night 7.30pm at Swavesey Windmill Tickets £7.50 from 01954 232247 - Bring your own nibbles.
Friday 24	Swavesey Festival Committee	Kids Disco from 4.00 pm to 5.30pm in the Marquee on Swavesey Village Green. Arranged by Lisa for primary school age children. Tickets £1 on the door

Friday 24	Swavesey Festival Committee	Barn Dance 7.45pm - Midnight on Swavesey Village Green. £16 per person inc. fabulous food
Sunday 26	Swavesey Festival Committee	Jonathan Sage Quartet Concert 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, an evening concert of classical music. Tickets £10 (under 16s free) from Jacqui Fuller, 01954 230774
Monday 27	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
July		
Friday 1	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Everyone Welcome to a 'Bring & Share' Salad Supper. 6.30pm in the Barn at Striplands Farm - Longstanton
Saturday 9	Swavesey & Over - Conservation Society	Visit to Flower Meadows at Over with Trevor Grange. Meet 2.15pm at Car Park next to Over Windmill
Thursday 14	Swavesey Parish Council	Free kerbside collection of unwanted electrical and electronic equipment Please place all your unwanted electrical items kerbside by 10am
Monday 25	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey Spartans FC

2015/16 - The summer is the time for footballers to look back on one season and look forward to the next. Spartans aspires to be an all inclusive club which lives out its values Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Excellence (TREE) and gives both boys and girls of differing abilities the opportunity to participate in Association Football. Season after season the club has teams who deliver our values with solid playing records behind them. That said, winning is not a dirty word and it is worth highlighting the 2015/16 record of our Under 12 Boys who have excelled in their first season of Colts football under the guidance of Mike Stokes and Jez Daniel. All from school year 7 the majority have attended Swavesey Primary School and are now in their first year at Swavesey Village College. Throughout the age groups this team has always had some success but they surpassed what had gone before in 2015/16 with a squad of Oliver Daniel, Josh Stokes, Charlie Nicholson, Will Buck, Kyle Hampton, Ayo Opaleye, Matteo Codispoti, Jakob Buckle, Sam Merricks, Sam Wilkinson, Dan Hawkins, Jake Thurston, Jake Clayton, Ryan Wilson, Ryan Watson and James Turner. They won their league with 3 games left and narrowly lost in the cup quarter final to the eventual winners. Their first 17 league games saw 16 victories and a draw underpinned by 75 goals for and only 9 against. (printing deadlines preclude us from reporting on that final game of the season) Next season will be a possible increase to 11 a side, lets see how they tackle that challenge in 2016/17, but for now lets celebrate their 2015/16 success.

Referees: One of our parents trained to be a referee to support the club his children were playing for and caught the officiating bug. Simon Dawson turns out most Saturday afternoons in the adult leagues and is the Spartans Referees and Respect Officer. He is the club's focal point for all officiating matters and is an invaluable source of advice when those contentious incidents come along. For the third consecutive season Cambridgeshire FA have rewarded Simon for his performances by selecting him as part of the officiating team at a county cup final. Assistant Referee at the Percy Oldham Final in May was the prize this year for his efforts as well as promotion to a level 5 "County Referee". Well done Simon, but having organised an introduction event for interested club members through Cambridgeshire FA the risk is that some participants were only a third of your age and may well be pushing you for those prestige appointments in the not too distant future.

Spartans Day brings down the curtain on our season so come and join us - its on Swavesey Green on Father's Day as usual. It is part of Swavesey Festival and it is a day of interaction for village families in a relaxed and hopefully sunny atmosphere. Bring your gazebos and refreshments and join in the fun on 19 June. We aim to keep the presentations short and sharp but with 16 teams and certain coaches liking a chat, please stay with us as your applause gives many of the young players the goosebumps. If adults want to show off their balance and flair then the Barn Dance on Friday 24 June is for you - the first dance of the

night normally involves our coaches. In dancing skill terms it really is starting from the bottom.

Our chairman of 4 seasons, James Tait, reverted to the ranks at the club's AGM in May. Club members have all benefitted during his tenure as the club has grown in a controlled manner with the inevitable odd speed bump. The committee would like to place on record its thanks for the dedication shown by James in those 4 years. The club are seeking volunteers to take the next steps forward and make the experience even better for our players and their families. If you are interested in influencing the outcome please get in touch with the club

New players/sponsors. If you know of boys or girls who want to play for or train with Spartans or you are a potential sponsor please come along on Spartans Day and have a chat. The coaches will all be there and coming along does not commit you to anything. If however you are interested but can't make the annual signing on evening in early July please use the details in the Club Information section of this Meridian to contact us.

Swavesey W.I. Report

Dates for Diary	
June 13th	'Forever Active'. Exercise and activity for the Over 60's.
July 11th	'Bee Keeping' by local Bee Keeper Glyn Jones
August 8th	Garden Party at Swavesey Windmill

STOP PRESS!!
17th September...W.I. CAKE STALL, MARKET STREET.

26th October {Half-Term} W.I. AUTUMN COMMUNITY EVENT will take place in the Memorial Hall. Free activities. Lunch available.

Look out for posters and more information in next issue of the Meridian.

At our April Meeting it was with great pride that our President, Linda Saunders unveiled a plaque in the Memorial Hall, to commemorate 100 years of the W.I. Movement. If you have the opportunity, do go in and have a look at it.

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall 7.30 pm.
If you would like more information on any of our meetings or joining W.I., please ring Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897.
www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk

***LOOK OUT FOR SWAVESEY W.I. AT THE SWAVESEY FESTIVAL GALA DAY JUNE 25TH**

A MOST SUCCESSFUL DAY

On the morning of our exhibition it always surprises me to see how our many members, old and new, organise themselves into such an efficient team. Display boards are delivered and promptly set up, prints are put up and labelled, the Committee room is converted into a comfortable cinema, soon bunting and notice boards decorate the front of the Memorial Hall. Cakes arrive as if by magic and the kitchen is transformed into a little cafe. It is all done so smoothly that only an insider could know how much organisation and hard work the members put in to have it ready for 10am. This year two brave members took on this huge responsibility for the first time, Lewis for the Exhibition and Bridget the refreshments; well done both, and all your willing helpers.

We were soon ready to enjoy our day, a good opportunity to relax and spend time together (normal Club nights are always so busy). This time the show was opened by Dr Lynn Morgan of Arthur Rank Hospice; her favourite picture was ' Street Performer ' so Lynn Kisielowski won a bottle of wine. Soon after, the sun came out and so did you; the hall was packed all day even after our advertised closing time of 4pm. The Photographs were much admired and we had a wide range of ' Best in Show ' votes. 77 images were chosen in all (7 of these had 5 or more votes) but the overall winner was ' Leopard on Impala Kill ' by Sarah Kelman. followed by ' Good Morning King's Cross ' by David Davies. The AV shows were very popular; Simon Shore's excellent AV on Stromboli and Etna received a spontaneous round of applause. Sales of cards and refreshments raised a splendid sum of over £300 for the fund to build the new Arthur Rank Hospice.

We received many excellent entries for the Open Competition, those from schools were most impressive, and all were of a very high standard. The Primary school children's photographs were surprisingly good for such a young age. Two winners were only 5 and 6 years old.

Our year is nearly over. We still have two lectures planned: on 2nd June ' Lucky imaging of the Planets ' by Marti Lewis (a method to obtain a clearer image, nothing to do with good fortune, but it always helps) and on June 9th ' Sport and Action ' by Roger Hance, everything from Jet Skis to Rugby. After that we have the AGM, the Annual Dinner, our Barbecue and the Fun competition, of photographs taken on our days out. Back again in September. Have a good Summer.

Mo Hadfield, Swavesey Camera Club. www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

OPEN COMPETITION WINNERS

Adult:
1. ' Oncoming Storm.' - Granville Foulger.
2. ' 88 '. - Helen Dickman.

Highly commended:
' The Vulcan's Belly '. - Yvette Smith.
' Short-eared Owl '. - Edwin Parish.

Secondary school;
1. ' Sub-Level Sound '. - Charlie Rayner.
2. ' Green-eyed Killer '. - Megan Kilby.

Primary School:
1. ' Mainsail '. - Elizabeth Kelman.
2. ' Peacock of colour '. - William Crowther.

Highly commended;
' Skulls ' - Christopher Edmund. (aged 6).
' Bunny and Belle '. - Eleanor Edmund. (aged 5).

See inside front covers for pictures. Ed

RADSOC on the Road presents:

"Gosforth's Fete" by Alan Ayckbourn and
"The Book Club of Little Witterington" by Joan Greening
at Swavesey Memorial Hall on Saturday 4 June at 8.00pm

Tickets include free interval refreshments of tea, coffee and home made cakes
Book online at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk or telephone 07504 552870

The evening is part of a touring production which also includes performances at Bar Hill Church on Friday 3 June and Rampton Village Hall on Friday 17 June. See the RADSOC website for more information.

Anyone for Tennis?

Swavesey and Over

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Mon 7 – 8pm

Members Can book courts for free at other times.

Annual fees
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Family £89
(2 adults and up to 2 kids)
Juniors including coaching £35
(U16 or U19 and in full time education on 01/04/16).

Swavesey Community Choir

I hope everyone enjoyed our Spring Concert and didn't miss out with the change of date. Two rather different composers and pieces.

We are disappointed not to be part of the Swavesey Festival this year, but it will be a fantastic week of entertainment

BUT DON'T PANIC…You can come and see us perform one last time before we break for the summer holidays. We are singing in a massed choir on the Last Night of The Proms as the finale of the Fringe in The Fen event in the grounds of Fenstanton Manor on Sunday 10th July. Bring a picnic and enjoy the wonderful music.

Please do come and support your local choir.

We meet every Wednesday during term time at Swavesey Village College from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm Please contact me if you have any questions: Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.

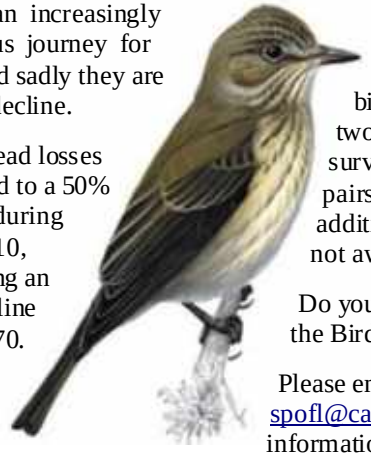
Happy Singing ☺

Spotted Flycatchers
do you have this increasingly rare bird breeding in your garden?

Spotted Flycatchers are attractive little migrant birds which are summer visitors to UK village gardens and churchyards. Although they breed with us, they spend ten months of the year travelling between here and their wintering grounds in Southern Africa.

This is an increasingly dangerous journey for them, and sadly they are in deep decline.

Widespread losses amounted to a 50% decline during 1995-2010, continuing an 88% decline since 1970.



Spotted Flycatcher
RSPB Website

Only some fifty pairs remain breeding in Cambridgeshire, so it's now quite a rare bird, but most rural villages still have a pair or two. The Cambridge Bird Club is running a survey this year to find and monitor nesting pairs, and it's almost certain that there will be additional pairs in our villages of which they are not aware.

Do you have flycatchers in your garden? Please let the Bird Club know.

Please email spofl@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk with any information you have, including records of single birds between now and September.

See also http://www.cambridgebirdclub.org.uk/spofl2016.html for details of the project and how to send in your records.

Fen Drayton Lakes News

By Emily Neville

We have reached that wonderful time of year when the reserve has really come to life! Summer is a wonderful time of year to get out and explore the reserve as everywhere you look there is something to see, whether its butterflies, dragonflies, newly fledged birds or hedgerow flowers.

Our new welcome shelter is also bustling with life, thanks to the living sedum roof! As well as looking great, a green roof can provide a fantastic home for insects! This welcome shelter also provides a base and focal point at the reserve where we can welcome and inspire more visitors.

It is from the welcome shelter that we will be running many of our summer events this year! We have an exciting programme of events planned for the summer including nature trails, lake dipping, minibeast safaris and even some den building! Staff will be on site every Sunday during the summer and on Tuesdays and Thursdays during school holidays.

The warmer weather also sees the return of the Polkadot Teashop! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for dates!

We look forward to seeing you at the reserve soon!

VILLAGE NEWS

Scrapping your car can be a tricky business, let us guide you through it *By Andy's Kars*

Recently, UK publisher Motoring Research revealed that there's been a 14% drop in the number of cars being scrapped in January 2016 compared to January 2015. Combined with a staggering 65% drop in the price of scrap metal between March 2015 and March 2016, this all spells bad news for UK motorists who are hoping to get a return on their old vehicles. So what are your options if you're want to scrap your car and invest in a new model?

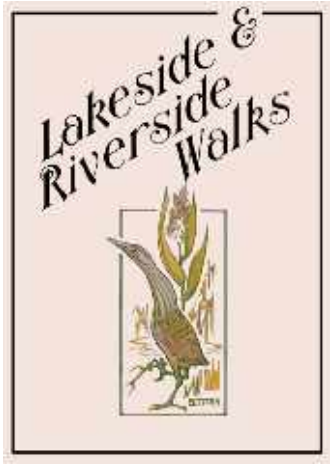
Firstly, if you're planning on scrapping your car, you need to make sure you do it at an official ATF scrapyard. In the UK, it is illegal to scrap your vehicle at any yard that isn't registered with this scheme, and it is also illegal to be paid cash-in-hand for the price of the scrap. All ATF yards are then required to issue you with a Certificate of Destruction, which you must then present to the DVLA to ensure that you stop paying tax on your vehicle. With the continuing downward spiral of scrap metal prices though, many people are choosing to hold onto their old vehicles longer than they had originally intended. This is often in the hope that prices will start to rise again, but given the current state of affairs, they is beginning to look highly unlikely. This obviously poses a problem for those who were hoping to get a decent return, which they could then use towards a new vehicle. While this is clearly irritating, especially if you've received a nice lump sum because of a previously scrapped vehicle, hanging on an old car that is barely roadworthy could prove dangerous, both to yourself and other motorists.

There are a few things that are worth considering at this point though: firstly, just because your car has failed its MOT, that doesn't mean it needs to be scrapped. Although shelling out for new parts may seem like a unnecessary burden when compared to the joy of having a shiny new car, some problems can be easily fixed and will ultimately save you money, as buying an entirely new vehicle can be a costly business.

If your car has well and truly reached the end of its life though, and the cost of repairing it far outweighs buying a new vehicle or even a second-hand one, then you'll inevitably have to get it scrapped, especially if you want to free up space on or outside your property. So now you have three options: harvest your car for parts that can be sold on before scrapping it, scrap the whole thing and make whatever money you can out of it, or scrap it and donate the proceeds to charity.

At Andy's Kars, we'd like to advocate this final option if you feel that you can afford it. The company Charity Car will take your car off your hands, scrap it and then donate the money to a charity of your choice. Not only will this take the burden off your hands, you'll also be helping out a good cause. 100% of the market value will go straight to your named charity, and they'll also collect your car free of charge if you're unable to deliver it. All of its affiliated partners will also make sure that your car is scrapped to the highest environmental standards possible and issue you with your DVLA Certificate of Destruction: so why not give your old banger to a good cause?

If you've failed your MOT and want to work out your next step, why not bring your vehicle into us at Andy's Kars in Bar Hill so you can get a quote? Give us a call on 01954 782666 or reach out to us on Twitter.



Guide to walks in Fen Drayton lakes and surrounding areas.

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Yes, Fringe in the Fen is back! Here's just a taster of what's on offer for your enjoyment.

Fringe in the Fen 2016
07-10 July

Proms in the Park

Grand firework finale featuring the Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra, Huntingdonshire Concert Band, the Fen Massed Choir compered by David Martynski and under the baton of Graham Ross, Director of Music at Clare College, Cambridge.

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An evening with Gilbert and Sullivan

From your favourite arias to fast-paced ensembles and a tongue-twisting medley, a quartet of four singers and a pianist will take you on a journey through the most sparkling light opera works. A thrilling evening!

*****

1940's Landgirls Big Band Party Night

Dance the night away to all the old favourites with the Galaxy Big Band and the Apple Blossoms in the unique outside setting of the restored railway station at Capability Barns. Swing, jive and jazz!

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The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge

An eclectic programme of works drawn from the great English choral tradition, from motets and anthems to madrigals and close harmony. Joined by celebrated harpist Tanya Houghton, the Choir explores works that have shaped our English landscapes, in celebration of Fenstanton's most distinguished former inhabitant, Capability Brown.

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The Fringe Comedy Night

This is a hugely popular evening and we're chuckling at the prospect of introducing you all to four new top-notch comedians. Truly hilarious!

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More information from, as always, **www.fringeinthefen.co.uk** or our box office **01480 352826**

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2016

Registered Charity No. 1125778

This year Swavesey Festival is bigger than ever, lasting from Friday 17 to Sunday 26 June. Below is a brief list of the exhibitions, competitions, ticketed events and other activities. Full details, including dates, are in the coloured insert with this issue of The Meridian.

Passports

Entry to all events on Open Swavesey Weekend will be via the Festival Passport, priced £3 per adult (children under 16 get in free), available from early June in local shops, St Andrew's Church, Swavesey Village College, The Memorial Hall, and some open gardens.

The passport contains a list of entries and their locations in the village of scarecrows, "front of house" decorations and open gardens with a map to make it all clear. Topics to look out for on the Swavesey Heritage Walk, identifying establishments formerly dealing with food and drink in some way, including pubs, are listed. You will have to find these for yourselves and they span the whole length of the village.

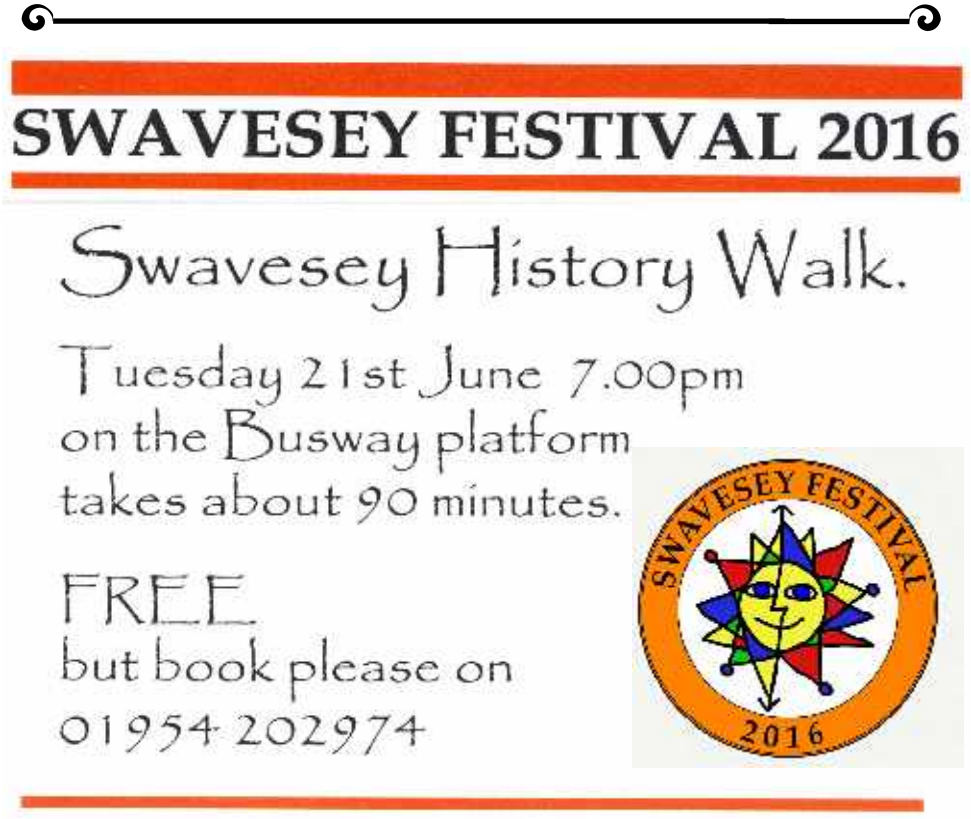
Details are included of the Saturday 25 June Gala Day programme which starts with the parade leaving the primary school at 12.30 p.m. sharp to arrive at the green in time for the fancy dress judging at 1.00 p.m. and the day ends with the fireworks finale at 10.30 p.m.

What is happening - at a glance

Swavesey heritage walk	German Oompah Band
Scarecrows – The Musicals	Rock & Roll Bingo
Decorated house fronts	Children's fun in Swavesey Library
Walking quiz	Family Concert
Open gardens	Traditional Jazz Night
Food, Glorious Food at St Andrew's Church	Comedy Night
Peter Nuttall exhibition in the Memorial Hall	Kids Disco
Exhibition by the Meridian Quilters in SVC	Spartans Barn Dance
Exhibition by experienced local artists in SVC	Classical music concert
Village Parade – The Musicals	Spartans Football Festival
Village Fair on the green	Crafty Ladies
Village Craft and Produce Show	Pond dipping
Fast moving front-of-stage programme	North Swavesey history walk
Stalls to visit and lots to do	Compass Café
Music on the green – all day long.	Bingo afternoon, Thistle Green
Food and drink on the green – all day long	Fireworks Finale

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

	£	Mar-16	Apr-16
First prize	60	Vikki Russell	Hilary Syddall
Second prize	30	Ruth Shrimpton	Jane Morgan
Third prize	15	Peter Fuller	Derek Shaw



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Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Hearing Help

We are keen for people to be aware of the FREE service we offer to NHS hearing aid users in the your area.

We hold a quarterly Hearing Help Session at the Bethel Baptist Church in Swavesey, CB24 4RP, these are on the following dates – 3rd May, 2nd Aug & 1st Nov 2016. NHS hearing aid users can drop in any time between 2pm -3.30pm to receive free replacement batteries and have their hearing aids cleaned and re tubed. We also offer free advice on hearing aid use.

We have a number of these types of sessions throughout Cambridgeshire. If you want to know more about our FREE service please visit our website below.

We would be most grateful if this service could be advertised to reach the residents in the Swavesey area.

Kind regards,

Ruth McAllen
Administrator

Your Library Swavesey

Summer is here. Visit Our book stalls at Swavesey Festival and Over Carnival

Festival fun for children at the library on June 21st 3.45 to 5.00pm. Storytelling, join the tiger who came for tea, dress as tigers and bring your soft toys with you! Tickets limited to 40, 50p each from the Library.

Come and join in!!

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**Sue Jones**	**230650**
John Pook	**230978**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

£3.50 per session!

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
11am – 12pm	Junior Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

New! Lego Club

What ever the weather, Lego is always fun!

New club opening for children in the back room of Swavesey Memorial Hall
5th June, 3rd July, 7th August
And every following 1st Sunday of the month 2 - 3.30pm

£1 entry per family (spaces limited)
Ideal for children 5 years and over, young children must be accompanied by an adult
For more information please contact
Laura 07920 792981 Linda 01954 201162

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Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

Ballet classes at Over Primary School
Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the new term.

Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA
Member BDQT (DBS Checked)

01954 200533
tutusrus@ntlworld.com

CRB Disclosure & Barring Service

1st Swavesey Rainbows Celebrate with Indoor Street Party

We started this term with great excitement sharing the 90th Birthday celebrations of HM the Queen. The girls all made a birthday card for the queen; these were posted to her, hopefully arriving in time for her birthday. The girls also made fascinators with material, ribbon, sequin strings, feathers and buttons all attached to a hair slide, and then wore these with their party dresses when our meeting fell on Her Majesty's actual birthday and we celebrated with an indoor street party, eating cucumber sandwiches, Victoria sponge cake and iced gems. The girls learned that just as they have a promise to make to become a Rainbow, the Queen also made a promise at her Coronation Ceremony.

The following weeks were dog, jewellery and crown themed, with the jewellery making doubling up to be an entry in the Festival Village Show, speaking of which, do watch out for us in the Festival Parade!

If your daughter is interested in joining Girlguiding, please register her interest here: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Adults can also get involved; use the same link if you are interested in helping to run Rainbows, Brownies or Guides in Swavesey.

Come and see a selection of our recent paintings and drawings at the Art Exhibition at Swavesey Village College venue, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June 2016.

We are pleased to participate in this year's varied display of local arts and crafts as part of the Swavesey Festival 2016.

Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00

at Bethel Baptist Church.

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Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington for more information: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2016

31st March 30th June 29th September 29th December
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the Hub @ Bethel

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT 7 - 9

COMING SOON!

the Hub Mix

music videos lights smoke

on the first Friday of every month

REOPENS ON JUNE 12TH

Refreshments - Games - Music Movies

Console Challenge

NEW

A monthly Xbox and Wii 1on1 competition

Super Fast WI-FI Now Installed

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

All WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!
10.45 am each week with Activities for children 0-16 years

First Sunday of the Month @ 10:45am
Church around the coffee table
Why not come and try it?

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS

Fun and Games for Children in Keystages 1, 2 and 3 every Monday night during term-time.

Come and Join us at 6:00pm **(KS 1 and 2)** for an hour of fun and activities as we learn about the Christian faith through stories, music and discussions.
Survivors (KS3) meet at 7:00pm

For more information :
Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern		
1st Sunday of the month	11am 6:30pm	Parish Communion Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday of the month	8am 11am	Holy Communion Service of The Word
3rd Sunday of the month	11am 7pm	Parish Communion Sunday Sanctuary *(alternate with Bethel)*
4th Sunday of the month	11am	Family Communion/Baptisms
5th Sunday of the month	11am	Parish Communion
NB: this service pattern is subject to change and availability of clergy. Please check www.honeyhill.org for up to date information.		

At the time of writing we are awaiting the process of dissolving the current benefice, and the formation of a new benefice with Swavesey and Lolworth joining Longstanton, Over and Willingham. These five churches will be looked after by Team Rector, Revd Julie Anderson, and a new Team Vicar who is yet to be appointed.

Website: www.honeyhill.org

St Andrew's Church, Swavesey

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact the Priest in Charge:

Revd Julie Anderson
01954 231496

BATS and Sunday School:

Caroline Stevens
caroline@overroad.co.uk
01954 231433

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children and young people are very welcome at St Andrew's.

Sunday School

Children from the age of five are welcome to join our Sunday School each week during the 11am service, except 4th Sundays when its Family Communion and the children are in church.
For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents, we have 'fidget bags' (bags of books and toys) for use during services.

Baby And Toddler Services

An informal service aimed at preschool age children and their parents and carers held on the second Monday of each month at 10.30am.
Please come and join us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit, and a chance to chat with others.
When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

Bell Ringing Anyone from the age of about ten years is welcome to come along and find out more. Tuesdays between 7:30 and 9pm.

Church Choir Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.
Contact: John Mullett: johnajmullett@gmail.com or 077026 79191

Compass Café "Encompasses the community"

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church from 10.30am until 12 noon.

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting - 13th April 2016

Around 40 residents attended the Annual Parish Meeting in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening 13th April, to hear reports on the past year from the Parish Council and many other community organisations. Some of the reports given can be found on the Parish website at www.swavesey.org.uk

A Neighbourhood Plan

One the main topics of discussion was the Parish Council's proposal to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. This is a community-led initiative to prepare a plan that becomes part of the statutory development plan for South Cambridgeshire. This would mean it would have to be taken into consideration for future planning decisions in the village. The Plan would help influence how and where development can take place.

Following recent speculative development proposals received for housing development around the edges of the village, the Parish Council believes that our community should have a greater say in the future of our village and producing a Neighbourhood Plan is the way we could have a stronger voice. The Parish Council leads the project to draw up the Neighbourhood Plan but it needs the full involvement and support of the community, as the final plan has to be approved by a village referendum. It is your opportunity to influence how Swavesey is to develop in the future and what benefits we might gain from any development.

To move forward with this project a lot of support and involvement from local residents and businesses will be required. If you would like to find out more about what is involved and be a part of the working group to make this important document happen, then please let the Parish Council know by contacting us at clerk@swavesey.org.uk or tel: 01954 202982.

A copy of the presentation given at the meeting and more information can be found on the website at www.swavesey.org.uk

Look out for the Parish Council information stall at the Festival Gala Day on the green on Saturday 25th June, where we will have much more information about Neighbourhood Plans and where you can ask questions and sign up to join the group helping to formulate the Plan.

Swavesey Parish Council

Swavesey organisations win recognition at SCDC Community Awards 2016

Swavesey Your Library and Swavesey Community Warden Scheme both received third place certificates in their categories at The South Cambs District Council Community Awards on Thurs 10th March.

The Community Warden Scheme was nominated for the Wellbeing Award and supports elderly people enabling them to remain independent for longer, giving practical support & social contact.
Austin Day and Colin Parsons, members of the Warden Scheme Steering Group received the award.

Swavesey Your Library also received a third place award in the Outstanding Local Service category, for its work to keep the County Library Service available to everyone in the village.
Richard Hart and Doug Hunt from the Your Library Committee received the Library Award.

Two other Swavesey organisations also received certificates to recognise their contribution to the community: Friday Night Youth Club and Ponds Maintenance Group. Award certificates were received by Linda Miller (far left) for the Ponds Group and Abi Mann (far right) for the Youth Club.

The event was hosted by SCDC Chairman, Swavesey District Cllr Sue Ellington and entertainment was provided by Swavesey Village College's St Cecilia Choir. Many other South Cambs village organisations and community volunteers were recognised for their many contributions to community life.

Swavesey Parish Council – Annual Report Summary 2015-16

This past year has been another busy year for the parish council.
Below is a summary Annual Report. Copies of the full Report will be available from June at various locations around the village as well as on the Parish Council's website www.swavesey.org.uk

This year we updated our Parish Website at **www.swavesey.org.uk**, where we provide information and updates on parish council news, village issues, consultations and meetings. We hope you have had a look and find it easy to read and locate up to date news on issues and projects within the village. We will also investigate a facebook page, to make our news available to a wider range of residents.

Finance
The Parish Council's income is received from the Parish Precept, which is collected through the Council Tax. For 2015/16 the Precept was £54,800.

The main areas of expenditure during 2015/16 were:

- Grounds maintenance (grasscutting, etc)
- Drainage scheme installation on the Recreation Green
- Landscaping around Moat Way Play Area
- Administration costs
- Grants to village organisations
- Grant towards the Community Warden Scheme
- Loan repayments for the 2011 grant to the Community Sports Pavilion

Expenditure (subject to audit) for 2015/16 has included:

Admin/Office costs, Insurances, Staff, Subscriptions	£37,564
Grants: To village organisations, projects, Community Warden Scheme	£8,408
Agency Services reimbursed (verge cutting for CCC)	£1,211
Grounds Maintenance (inc recreation green drainage project)	£64,813
Loan Repayments - Sports Pavilion	£4,885
Recreation/Play Area/Village Maintenance	£4,515

At the end of 2015/16 reserves are:

Funding set aside for specific projects	£1,902
S106 Funds (Indoor and Outside Community Facilities)	£30,261
Admin/insurance/contingency (Legal, Election costs)	£1,630
Village Maintenance/improvements	£10,360
General Fund	£28,273

2016/17 Budget

In finalising the budget for 2016/17, the Precept has been set at £55,600. However with a slight increase in our Band D tax base, we have been able to keep the cost to each band D property the same as this year, at £59.39 per year.

Parish Council work during 2015/16:

- Community Grants: Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance, Memorial Hall Charity, Community Warden Scheme, Royal British Legion (Swavesey Branch), Youth Club.
- Consulted on many local planning applications.
- Continued discussions with SCDC and the EA regarding flood risk concerns, riverbank and drain maintenance and proposals relating to Northstowe and Cambourne developments and Uttons Drove Sewage Treatment Works.
- In association with Spartans FC, successful grant funding of £40,000 to provide underground drainage to the recreation green.
- Ongoing discussions with the County Council, Police and both schools with regard to parking issues around School Lane, Middlewatch and Gibraltar Lane.
- Following discussions with the County Council, the extending of the guided busway drop-off site, to provide space for local parking as well as drop-off & collect.
- Review of the Parish Emergency Plan, to provide contact details and help in local emergency situations.
- Swan Pond – removal of overgrown reeds with assistance from local volunteers.
- A new Parish Website giving detailed information on Parish Council discussions, consultation and information on all items directly affecting the village.

For the forthcoming year 2016/17:

- A major project we will be consulting you on is whether to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, to give everyone the opportunity to have a say in the future development of the village and to give the Council a stronger voice when it responds to proposals for residential development.
- Continued support and provision of grants to village projects and community groups.
- Implement chosen options for parking improvements to Market Street.
- Continue work with football clubs to provide ground maintenance and drainage improvements to the recreation green.
- In association with AgeUK Cambridgeshire, continued support of our Community Warden Scheme, enabling residents aged 60 and over to continue to live independently within their own homes.
- Respond to consultations from County, District and other organisations and work closely with our District and County Councillors.
- Support of the Neighbourhood Policing Team & village NHW scheme and continue to promote the Speedwatch initiative.

Our thanks to the volunteers who continue to help manage and maintain our village ponds, Constable's Rood and other public areas. Also our thanks to all of the volunteer litter clearers in the village who continue to help keep our village tidy.

I would also like to thank those residents who attend our Parish Council meetings and everyone who responds to and supports the work of the Council. I hope that you have found this summary report of interest and that you will read through the full report, which will be available during June.

Martin Johnston, Chairman – Swavesey Parish Council

Find out more at www.swavesey.org.uk

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News March April 2016

COUNTY COUNCIL

The PC are still waiting for news of progress with the marking of parking bays and additional yellow lines to Market Street. Watch this space!!

Highway maintenance issues are still being pursued, including the flooding of Station Rd near the guided busway and the many potholes around the village.

The Boundary Commission is reviewing its decisions on the County Council Ward boundaries.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

"The Community Warden Scheme; Friday Youth Club; Your Library; the Ponds Maintenance Group" were all recognised at the District Council's Community Awards event on March 10th.

The Local Plan for South Cambridgeshire has been submitted for re-examination which is due to start in June through to September.

The new homes in Fen Drayton Rd have now been offered to prospective tenants, the Parish Council is not involved directly in this process.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS.

The PC is following up correspondence received with regard to incidents of footpaths being blocked by parked cars in key areas of the village. The Local PCSO has been informed about problems outside Costcutter and he will monitor the situation whenever he is in the village.

A further theft of lead from St Andrew's Church roof took place w/c 18th April, together with thefts from other S Cambs churches.

VILLAGE MATTERS- The Recreation Green

The last few games of the football season have resumed on the Recreation Green, together with Spartans training sessions, which is good to see. The Green is recovering well from the drainage work. There are a few wet areas which need attention, where the drainage work was not able to take place but these will be addressed. Top dressing of sand will take place in a month or if you see the green covered in sand. This will help to keep the drainage active.

The PC has been approached for permission to hold a 5-aside charity fundraising tournament on the Green in early July, you will see more about this separately

COUNCIL NEWS

DRAINAGE

The PC is seeking a further meeting with the Environment Agency to seek progress in respect of the River Great Ouse bank maintenance work.

The PC continues to press the Environment Agency to complete the planned work to the drain in Mare Fen and start repair work to the riverbank. Further meetings have taken place during April and we seem to be moving forward but do not have dates for the work yet. The PC would like to thank Mr Keith Wilderspin for his work and time in following all of this up.

BETHEL POND

Concern has been raised about the number of ducks around Bethel pond which is alongside the main road and ducks being killed on the road. We would like to ask all drivers to please slow down in this area and watch out for the ducks, particularly with ducklings soon to hatch. The PC is finding out if we can put some warning signs up.

PLANNING

Various planning applications and decisions were discussed.

We still await the appeal inspector's decision re the 30 homes proposed for land behind 18 Boxworth End, no date for the decision is advertised yet.

We expect planning applications for the Bloor Homes site behind Gibraltar Lane, up to 95 homes, and the Scambler Trust land behind Middlewatch, up to 70 homes, to be submitted within the next 3 months. Full village-wide consultation will take place once we receive these applications for comment.

Neighbourhood Planning – The PC will be consulting everyone over the next few months on whether to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for the village, so please do speak to Cllrs at forthcoming events such as the School Fete and Village Festival events to find out more and if you have some time to help with the project, please do let us know.

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council
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New Parish Council Website
www.swavesey.org.uk

Same website address but now with an improved and updated look

Take a look to find out….

- the latest news and information about the village
- agendas, minutes and Parish Council news
- links to village clubs and organisations
- links to District and County Council consultations

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

At last Spring has arrived and the blossom enhances the beauty of our village, its green spaces and well kept gardens. Thank you to all the litter pickers who work hard to keep the verges free of litter. Please let us all be vigilant in reducing their workload and ensure we always clean up after our dogs. I frequently have complaints about the amount of poo left in areas where children play.

The new houses in Home Close, School Lane have now been allocated. I have heard and seen the joy of some who are looking forward to moving in, but equally I have felt the sadness of those who missed out. I am told they are very spacious inside and look forward to the official opening in May. Clearly this is good for the village and ensures some village residents stay within the community. I feel we should support more of these sort of developments but it is difficult finding the site and ensuring the money is available to make it happen.

The plans for the festival look very interesting I hope we have good weather and everybody supports the hard work that the committee has put in. I hope to see you all there - I plan to have a stall for my charity "Dogs for Good" so come and have a chat about anything.

It was good to see so many people at the Annual Parish meeting. I hope that means we can start the process of writing a Neighbourhood Plan. This will help us to fight off poor development and ensure the village develops as the residents want.

As always - if you want to contact me I am on 07774146331 or 01954 202923 or just knock at the door.

Sue Ellington

The Battle of the Somme 1916
Swavesey men remembered

Extracts from the Cambridge Weekly News Independent Press and Chronicle. 1916

DEATHS. 14th July 1916
Letters have reached Swavesey from comrades who were present at the time that Lance-Corpl. James William Prior (No. 16333) and Pte. Jonas Dodson (No. 16374) of the Suffolks, were killed in action side by side early on the 1st of July. The former appears to have been killed instantaneously, but the latter when found by Lance-Corpl. A. A. Linford, another Swavesey man, was saying the Lord's Prayer, and then passed away. Both men joined the Suffolks in the autumn of 1914. Lance-Corpl. Prior, who was 22 years of age and unmarried was the elder surviving son of Mr. William Prior, of Swavesey. Pte. Dodson was the youngest son of the late Mr. Charles Dodson, well known in the Swavesey district and St. Ives as a bricklayer and great skater in days gone by. Pte. Dodson was 39 years of age and leaves a widow and ten children, seven of whom are under 14 years of age.

THE LATE LANCE-CORPL. PRIOR. 11th Aug. 1916
Miss C. Prior, sister of Lance-Corpl. James William Prior, has received the following letter, dated 4th August, from Lieut. D. M. Miller, Suffolk Regt.: "I have made careful inquiry as to what happened to your brother, and I very deeply regret to have to write that there can be no doubt that your brother was killed on July 1st. He was hit by a piece of shell very early in the morning, before the battalion commenced to attack. I am truly sorry that I cannot give you any better news, but I am afraid there is no doubt, and I would not be doing right if I were to pretend that there was."

NEWS FROM THE FRONT. 18th Aug. 1916
Official news has reached his family that Pte. E. F. (Fred) Tomkins, Suffolk Regiment, of Swavesey, has been wounded in the recent fighting on the Western Front. Of the five Swavesey men who have been serving in this particular battalion of the Suffolks, two have been reported officially as missing, though private letters from comrades have stated that they were killed on 1st July, and two have been wounded.

Author's note
James William Prior and Jonas Dodson died on the first day of the battle of the Somme, two of over 400,000 soldiers of the British Army to die during that battle in 1916. They died as did thousands of others at the very start of the battle. Their names are inscribed on the Thiepval memorial on the Somme along with over 70,000 British and 830 South African soldiers who died in the area between July 1915 and March 1918. They have no known graves.

Alfred Aaron Linford mentioned in the first report died on the 28th April 1917, having been promoted to sergeant, and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial in France, also with no known grave. A Memorial Plaque which became known as 'The Death Penny' was awarded to the next of kin of all British Empire service personnel killed as a result of the war. That awarded to Sergeant Linford is currently on view in Swavesey Memorial Hall.

These soldiers were three of the twenty-eight who died in the First World War with connections to Swavesey. The newspaper articles are reproduced from the book: 'A Village during The Great War: Swavesey: Cambridge', comprising newspaper reports of the time extracted by John Shepperson & Chris Richardson.

Chris Richardson

The Paraffin Man.
Part IV. Rabbit pie

My father bought his first horse-drawn waggon in 1921 to sell paraffin oil and hardwares in Swavesey and around local villages. After leaving school I started working regularly on the rounds with him. I remember him teaching me to always keep the customer's coin or note in my left hand and pass over any change with my right hand before putting the payment in my bag. That way I could always show the customer their money if there was any query about how much they had paid me. If you weren't on your guard they might claim to have given you half a crown when it was only a two shilling piece. It proved to be good advice over the years.

It was usually late afternoon when sales representatives visited father and Uncle Will and over the years there were very many of them. Mr Connor who sold china and crockery for Barratts of Cambridge called once a month. Mr Voss travelled for Gossage & Watson, owners of Persil, who were later taken over by Lever Brothers. Mr Cross who called to see Uncle Will was a traveller for a sweet and tobacco wholesalers. My sister Betty and I tried to get home from school first so we could take him the cup of tea that mother made because he would give us sixpence, which was a lot of money in those days. Mr Drysdale travelled for Proctor & Gamble, the Fairy Liquid people and he also liked mother's teapot. He was a betting man and if a race was being broadcast on the wireless he and Uncle Will would have a pound bet on which horse would win. Mr Blunt was still travelling for HP sauce and vinegar when he was over eighty years old and he was a real gentleman. Twice a year father would order between seven and ten barrels of vinegar, each containing twelve and a half gallons (57 litres). Goodness only knows who bought it all from us!

Father's second horse-drawn waggon came from Mr Harry Cooper, a hardware and furniture dealer of Balsham, whose family opened the Cooper furniture shop in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Father is holding the horse with this waggon in the photograph taken outside 66 Boxworth End, near the entrance to Rose and Crown Road. In 1938 he bought his third waggon from a Mr Hewson in Fenstanton who was retiring. He got it cheaply because it had been in an accident and the front wheels were missing. He had it moved to Fullers, wheelwrights in St Ives, to be used as a pattern for a new waggon. Unfortunately, while the new one was being made the workshop burnt down and the new woodwork was destroyed. So Mr Fuller restored and repainted Mr Hewson's waggon with father's name on it but the only pair of wheels he had of the right size were from a horse-drawn London fire engine so that waggon had a bit of history about it.

In wintertime when the roads were often covered with snow and ice father had the horse's shoes tapped and threaded to take frost studs. Snow would build up on the iron rims of the wheels and make the four-wheeled waggon hard work for the horse to pull. Sometimes we came across slippery places in the road and had to get sand from heaps by the roadside and sprinkle it down before we dared to continue the journey. Then in summer when it was very hot, wet tar would pick up on the rims, sometimes in lumps as big as teacups. I have known father come home from Knapwell all the way round on the more level ground via Conington and Fen Drayton rather than attempting the steep rise up the hill from Knapwell to Boxworth.

Often on the run home from Knapwell or Conington on a cold, dark winter's evening we might be met by one or two men who would hail father and sell him rabbits, as many as a couple of dozen at a time. When we got into Swavesey he would direct me to take two to this house and two to the one over there and one to the house on the left etc. Of course, we always saved two or three for mother to cook during the week.

Sometimes on a round we would stop at a public house at lunchtime. Not that father drank much but it made a suitable stop for us to give our horse its nosebag. In any case, most farm workers would be stopped at the same time and the last thing a housewife wanted was someone calling as she was serving her husband's dinner. The bag was made of coconut matting, leather bound with a strap to go over the horse's head. It contained the animal's mid-day meal known as "sifting" which included oats, bran and linseed cake and in winter we would add sliced mangels. The horse would murmur while it munched away happily, slobbering from the mouth.

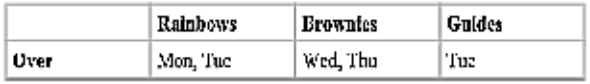
One of the most unforgettable memories I have of that time is riding home late on a cold winter's afternoon after a busy and tiring day. Taking the horse out of the shafts, taking the harness off, feeding her and bedding her down on clean straw for the night. Locking the barn door then walking across the yard, very hungry, opening the back door and being greeted by a glowing fire in the kitchen range. Mother opening the oven door where I could see and smell a lovely rabbit pie with thick, crusty pastry on top, to be followed by an apple pie and custard with cups of hot tea – what more could anyone ask for. I can smell that rabbit pie as I sit here writing this now.

David Crouch.

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fund raise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Guiding	 Register your interest in Over District Girlguiding by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk or emailing overdistrictguiding@gmail.com for more information.
1st Swavesey Rainbows	Swavesey Rainbows. Contact caroline@overroad.co.uk
1st Swavesey Brownies	We are always looking for new girls and parent helpers. Please contact Catherine Groves (Brown Owl) tel. (01954 202648) or mobile 07969 815198 if you are interested in participating. Email:- brownowl01@virginmedia.com
1st Swavesey Guides	For more details please contact Claire Hagger chhagger@gmail.com.
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - James Tait on 01954 232183 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15pm – 7:30pm & Friday 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768 Email:- s.mayer@ntlworld.com
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: andrew@overroad.co.uk Website: www.honeyhill.org/bells.htm
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

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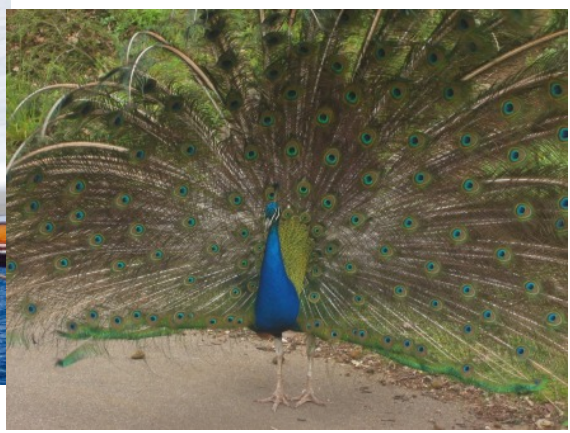
Charlie Rayner.

Secondary school: Second.' Green-eyed Killer '. - Megan Kilby

Primary School: First. ' Mainsail ' - Elizabeth Kelman.



Primary School: Second. ' Peacock of colour ' - William Crowther

Primary School: Highly commended. ' Skulls '
Christopher Edmund. (aged 6).

Primary School: Highly commended. ' Bunny and Belle '.
- Eleanor Edmund. (aged 5).

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